

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 18, 2010 has been received and considered. In this response, claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error. The amendment to the claim does not narrow the scope of the claims and support for the amendment may be found in the specification and drawings as originally filed. Claims 32-42 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in the present application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

Allowed Claims

The Applicant notes with appreciation the indication at page 5 of the Office Action that claims 1-13, 6-17, 19-22, 26-29, 31 and 43-46 are allowed.

Anticipation Rejection of Claims 32 and 35-42

At page 2 of the Office Action, claims 32 and 35-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ellis et al. (U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2008/0184297). Claims 32 and 35-42 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, withdrawal of the above-referenced rejection and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Obviousness Rejection of Claim 33

At page 4 of the Office Action, claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ellis as applied to claims 32 and 35-42 above, and further in view of Porter et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,337,947). Claim 33 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, withdrawal of the above-referenced rejection and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Obviousness Rejection of Claim 34

At page 5 of the Office Action, claim 34 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ellis and Porter as applied to claims 32-33 and 35-42 above, and further in view of Sarra (U.S. Patent No. 5,053,762). Claim 33 has been cancelled without prejudice or

disclaimer. Accordingly, withdrawal of the above-referenced rejection and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

The Applicants believe no additional fees are due, but if the Commissioner believes additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-3797.

Respectfully submitted,

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